

CONFERENCE IS MEETING HERE TODAY

Interest Running High in Second Annual Agriculture Gathering

SECOND DAY AT UNION SUCCESS

Several Speakers of Authority Discuss Pertinent Matters at Sessions There.

The 1925 Agricultural Economic Conference will close its three day session here today with the annual farm report and recommendations for the next year.

The report was in its final stages of completion at the high school this morning during the closing hours of the conference. Each of the five committees has prepared a report on one branch of agricultural work and these are to be combined in the one recommendation to be read at the general assembly which will close the conference this afternoon.

What was called an "exp. assembly" was conducted this morning at the high school by Dr. Ph. At this meeting short talks on personal experience were given by a number of farmers, business men and others. The assembly was informal and brought forth some interesting talks.

Dinner served. Dinner, cafeteria style was served at the high school at noon by the domestic science department under the supervision of Miss Loh.

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CHERRY WILL BE SPEAKER

Florists from six states and British Columbia will meet in Portland Monday and Tuesday for the annual convention of the Northwest Florists' association.

A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, is scheduled to deliver an address on "Why Florists Should at Times Be Hurdled." Several other speakers are also on the program.

EDUCATORS IN ELGIN TODAY

The second Union County Teachers' Conference convened at Elgin this morning with delegates from all parts of the county in attendance.

The program for today will include an address, "Educational Economy" by Professor W. G. Beattie, superintendent of rural instruction at Monmouth Normal School, one by Professor Russell Blankenship of Whitman College on the subject, "What Ails Our Youth," as well as the group instruction and some general entertainment features.

Lunch will be served at noon by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church.

Arrangements for the conference were made by Professor E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent.

Luther League Members Present Program Soon

The final dress rehearsal for a program of familiar hymns and tableaux, to be given by the Luther League of the Lutheran church Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Star theater, will be held Monday afternoon at the theater.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Stittinger, assisted by Mrs. G. S. Birnie, and is as follows: "No Room in the Inn," soloist, G. S. Birnie; tableau, Mrs. Ebert, Carl Larson, Catherine Wisler, Helen Jensen, Erma Wark, Anna Lofnes and Lina Lottes; "Lead Kindly Light," mixed quartet, tableaus—Lina Lottes; "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," mixed quartet, tableau—Mrs. L. J. Ebert; "Sweet Hour of Prayer," mixed quartet, tableau—Genevieve Nelson, Barbara and Juanna Stittinger; "The Leader Me," soloist—Mrs. T. R. Maxwell, tableau—Ida Neukirchner; "The Way of the

Seven Clubs Enrolled By Union County

Boys and Girls in Cove, Fruitdale, Mt. Glenn and La Grande Organize for Club Work.

E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, reports that the following boys' and girls' clubs have enrolled with the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis recently from this territory:

Cove Home Making club; Marian Geiss, president; Wilmerth Weimer, vice president; Estelle Blank, secretary; Mrs. Alice J. Mills, local leader.

Cove Home Cookery club; Ruth Constock, president; Frances Constock, vice president; Esther Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Bertach, local leader.

Cove Camp Cookery club; Harold Blank, president; Meddie Martin, vice president; Donald Smith, secretary; Mrs. H. Blank, local leader.

Fruitdale Gardening club; Thomas Standley, president; Jimmy Stokes, vice president; Carol Standley, secretary; H. S. Stokes, local leader.

Two Mt. Glenn Clubs

Mt. Glenn Sewing club; Ida Nebeker, president; Marie Kent, vice president; Augusta McCoy, secretary; Mrs. Julia Maxwell, local leader.

Mt. Glenn Poultry club; Vernon Walte, president; Eugene Hibbert, vice president; Floyd Falk, secretary; Alvaro Boswick, local leader.

Riveria, La Grande Home Making club; Velma Winburn, president; Maxine McNeil, vice president; Marie Baxter, secretary; Mrs. William Collingswood, local leader.

Other clubs will be reported as soon as they enroll at the O. A. C., according to Mr. Sayre. Thirteen clubs have joined at present.

DRESSMAKING TO BE TAKEN UP IN TUESDAY CLASS

The final class in home economics dressmaking will be started here Tuesday morning at the Elks Temple, at nine o'clock, according to Marie Thompson, government worker, who was in the city this week. She works throughout the Eastern Oregon district and devotes a certain time each week to different communities.

The classes will continue each Tuesday morning until the required number of hours' work has been completed.

Infantry will be discussed at luncheon.

The fighting equipment of an infantry company will be discussed at the weekly chamber of commerce luncheon next Tuesday noon by Captain Paul Hathaway and Major R. R. Huron. Major Huron will also act in the capacity of toastmaster.

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RAILROADS MAY PLACE FARE LOWER

Interstate Commerce Commission to Hold Hearing in Seattle

DISTANCE RATES ARE UNAFFECTED

Reduction of Through Passenger Charges Are Wanted from Mid-Western Terminals to Coast.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—An interstate commerce hearing will be held in Seattle, April 27th, to consider applications of northwestern railroads to reduce through passenger rates from Chicago, St. Louis and other midwestern terminals to the Pacific coast.

The railroads desire to let rates for the distances remain unaffected in making reductions on through passenger traffic.

Under the program the commission is asked to approve, the roads having Pacific terminals would be placed more nearly on an equality of rates, regardless of distances involved.

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UNION STOCK SHOW IN JUNE

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The 1925 Union Live Stock show will be held June 10 to 12 inclusive this year, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the stock show association here.

President George W. Benson has announced that he will appoint committees for the preliminary work shortly and that as soon as the work begins to take concrete shape, a general meeting will be called.

SUNNY JIM TO HEADLINE TILT

The boxing commission has given its approval of a match to be put on here by the La Grande Athletic club sometime within the next ten days. The date has not been definitely set but the fighters have been signed and the match is sure to be held.

The main event will be a 10 round give and take with Sunny Jim mixing with Tom McCarty. Sunny Jim is known to fight followers up and down the coast as the colored boy who has made such a good record during the last year. He has fought main events in Portland, San Francisco and other coast cities.

McCarty will come here with the recommendation of Portland authorities on boxing. His record is also good and he is considered a suitable opponent for the colored fighter.

The card will also include a six round semi-final and two 4-round preliminary events. These have not been announced but will be bouts between local boxers.

UTAH SENATOR COMFORTABLE DURING NIGHT

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator Smoot, taken ill in the senate yesterday, spent a fairly comfortable night.

McWilliams Bakery Products Displayed

Products of the McWilliams bakery are now on display in the chamber of commerce window, next door to the Sonmore hotel. Hungry persons are advised not to gaze at the display, however, for it might tempt them to break the window.

All sorts of cakes, breads and pastries are shown in a very attractive manner. These are of the same sort as are supplied to the local stores by the McWilliams bakery every day.

4 CHILDREN KILLED BY MAD FATHER

Axe Used on Youngsters, Aged Seven to One and a Half Years

CRIMINAL TRIED TO TAKE OWN LIFE

Is Expected to Live, However; No Reason is Assigned for the Tragical Happening.

KANSAS CITY (By the Associated Press)—Maurice L. Gibson, of Prather Hill, Mo., near North Kansas City, killed his four children with an axe early today and then hanged himself and later slashed his wrist. He is expected to live.

The children were: Maurice, Jr., and Marjorie, twins, aged 7, Hazel, 5, Helen, one and one-half.

No reasons was assigned for the killing.

REALTORS AT FRIDAY LUNCHEON

At the luncheon of the La Grande Realty Board held at the Tiffin yesterday noon two main topics of business were taken up. Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce was present to explain the details of the plan of the land settlement committee of the state chamber of commerce to have the farm lands listed in Portland.

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The land is to be listed by a numbering system which will prevent any discrimination.

The realty board has agreed to co-operate with the Union County Chamber of Commerce and the State Chamber of Commerce on this plan.

Legislative bill Number 128, the new real estate license law was reviewed by George Curry, president of the board before the luncheon adjourned.

COMMUNISTS AND POLICE BATTLE IN GERMAN CITY

HALLE, Germany (By the Associated Press)—Seven persons, including two women, were killed here in a clash last night between the police and communists.

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MALADIES TAKE HEAVY TOLL IN ONEIDA, CHICAGO

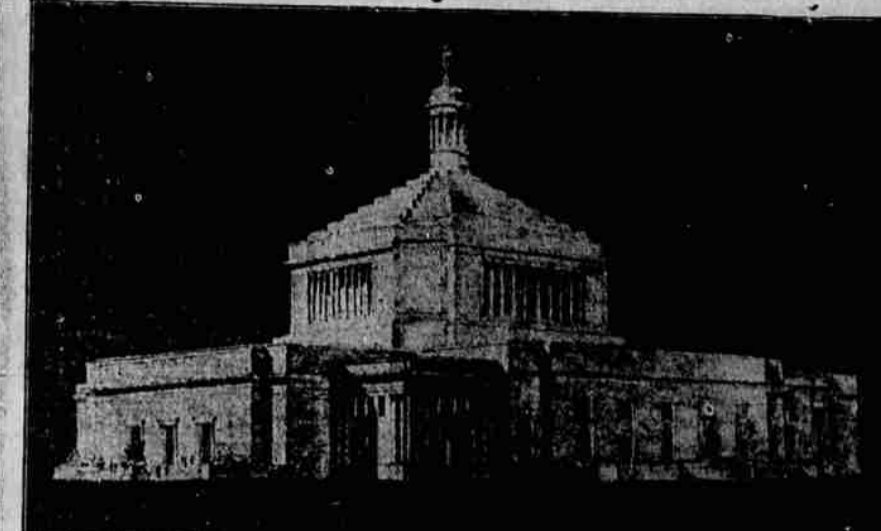
ONEIDA, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Trichinosis, the mysterious, deadly malady that threatens to depopulate the little settlement at Moore's Hill, in Georgetown township, claimed another life Friday—the fifth in three days in two families known to have eaten raw pork.

The latest victim was Bertie Bushnell, 45, also known as "Birdshead" father of three children who died from the same cause during the last 48 hours—Nellie Bushnell, 19; Vienna Bushnell, 12 and Vernon Bushnell, 22. The other victim was Clinton Bush, 19.

TOLL IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago health department called upon both the police and fire departments Friday night to aid in combating the spread of a respiratory disease resembling influenza or lagrippe, which has spread rapidly here in the past two weeks.

From 8 o'clock Friday morning until 4 o'clock Friday night 14 deaths were reported from respiratory causes.

Proposed Memorial Union Building



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XTRA Sewer To Be An Important System Link

CHICAGO IN STORM PATH. CHICAGO (AP)—A typical March blizzard, laden with rain changing to snow, with a 60-mile wind, moved into the midwest today, with warnings of sharp temperatures. The storm already had the Rocky mountain region in its grip and was sweeping two ways, through the north and from the south toward Chicago. Snow covers a large portion of Colorado. Heavy snow with high winds are reported in Iowa, Nebraska is swept by gales.

LEAGUE SESSION ENDS

GENEVA (AP)—The council of the league of nations completed its March session and adjourned late today. The next meeting will be held in June.

WARREN VOTE DEFERRED

WASHINGTON (AP)—At President Coolidge's request the vote on the Warren nomination in the senate was deferred until Monday. Some senators said the president could not be confirmed and wanted time in which to make another selection. There is no indication, however, that the president would withdraw his nomination.

WITNESSES THREATENED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Reports of death threats against three of the government's witnesses in the case of the suspected run runner Quadra, Canadian ship seized here last October, has resulted in the placing of a heavy guard about the men. The confessed liquor runners turned states evidence.

HOTEL MAN KILLED

MARSHFIELD (AP)—Ray Brown, 36, Lakeside business man, proprietor of the Lakeside hotel, was shot through the heart at the hotel today and died en route to North Bend on a Southern Pacific train.

PHILIP NAMED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hoffman Philip, of New York, was named today by President Coolidge as minister to Persia. Wilder S. Metcalf, of Lawrence, Kan., will be nominated today by Coolidge as commissioner of the bureau of pensions.

JAPANESE MISSING

NAGAHAKI, Japan (AP)—One hundred persons are missing from the Japanese steamer Uwajima Maru No. 4, which is believed to have foundered in a storm Wednesday off the Koshushima islands. Sixteen survivors have been picked and five destroyers are searching for others.

Cross Word Puzzles

If you're a crossword puzzle fiend, you should try the Observer's daily puzzles with interest in each issue.

They are not difficult but they offer excellent entertainment—and are especially popular with the children. Get them interested in the puzzles—it's a fine educational feature. And that's only one reason why "everybody reads The Observer."

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NEW YORK (AP)—After investigating the problem of child marriages, the Russell Sage Foundation, in a report made public here, says its study dispels the idea that there is something idyllic about such youthful unions.

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WAS ATTENDING RULES MEETING

Bill Roper, Princeton Coach, Searching for Leader, Found Camp Dead in His Room.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Walter Camp, noted football coach and critic, died today of heart trouble.

Camp attended a meeting of a football rules committee last night and retired apparently in good health. When the committee assembled today, members delayed meeting and waited for Camp. When he failed to arrive Bill Roper, Princeton coach, investigated, and found Camp dead in the room.

Although a man of varied activities, Walter Camp was best known through his connection with athletics, particularly football.

As a player on Yale football teams for six years, Mr. Camp's interest in the game extended far beyond the goal posts and the improvements in the game which he evolved were readily accepted by the intercollegiate football committee. It was during his incumbency as chairman of the committee that the game was extensively molded along the lines on which it is played today.

The first revolutionary change in the gridiron game suggested by Mr. Camp was the rule requiring five yards gain in three downs. That was in 1882 and was the first step that led to the modern style of play. He also suggested the change to ten yards gain in four downs in 1904.

Was Yale Star. While he did his share in representing Yale on various athletic teams during his undergraduate days, Mr. Camp's greatest service to the university was performed afterward in his capacity as athletic adviser, which embraced a number of activities. He had been a member of the university athletic committee for 29 years and for a similar period was treasurer of the

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M'CLINTOCK DENIES STORY

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Questioned for hours early today after Dr. Charles Falmant, head of a germ culture school, said he had sought information on administering typhoid germs without trace to a person, William D. Shephard, foster-father of William McClintock, millionaire orphan, was held in technical custody today.

Taken from his home at midnight and confronted with Falmant, Shephard flatly denied the latter's statements.

STUDENT IS IMPROVED

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Lowe Bartruff, Bellingham, Wash., student at Whitman, who was one of seven students at college made ill as the result of a fraternity initiation, will be taken from Portland to his Bellingham home today. His condition was much improved this morning, his father stated. Bartruff was in Portland with the Whitman glee club when stricken.

Lure of Limelight Grips Many Ex-U. S. Senators

(By Harry B. Hunt) communities. The hold that Washington life gets on public men is again evidenced by the announcement that of four United States senators who stepped out of office March 4, three will remain in the capital "to practice law."

The fourth is yet uncertain. There are hints that as an administration "lame duck," who lost out in his primary fight last spring, he may still be taken care of by a federal job.

The other three, being Democrats, have no such hope, but nevertheless will retain Washington as

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